IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN G. WATTS, :

Petitioner, :

v. : CIVIL ACTION

NO. 15-3740

LAWRENCE MAHALLY, et al.,

Respondents. :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 27th day of March, 2017, upon consideration of Petitioner's Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, the state court record and counsel's briefs and oral arguments, it is hereby **ORDERED** that said Petition is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth in this Court's accompanying Memorandum. The Commonwealth shall release Petitioner unless the state court holds a new trial within the next six months in a manner not inconsistent with this Court's Memorandum.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ C. Darnell Jones, II

C. Darnell Jones, II J.